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SUBJECT: INTERVIEW OF FARUK KADDUMI

1. IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN THE MAY 2 EDITION OF THE
BEIRUT WEEKLY MONDAY MORNING, FARUK QADDUMI, HEAD OF THE
POLITICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE PLO, SAID THAT IF THE GENEVA
CONFERENCE WERE HELD, IT WOULD BE AN "AMERICAN-ISRAELI ATTEMPT
AT CAMOUFLAGE." HE NEVERTHELESS REPEATED THE FOLLOWING FIVE
CONDITIONS FOR PLO PARTICIPATION, THAT:

A. A SOVIET-AMERICAN INVITATION BE SENT TO THE PLO TO
ATTEND THE CONFERENCE;

B. THE PALESTINIANS ATTEND THE CONFERENCE FROM ITS FIRST
SESSION TO ITS LAST;

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C. THE PALESTINIANS QUESTION BE LISTED AS A SEPARATE ITEM
ON THE CONFERENCE AGENDA. ("WE REFUSE TO ATTEND THE
CONFERENCE AS COURT WITNESSES IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI
DISPUTE.");

D. THE PALESTINIANS PARTICIPATE IN ALL CONFERENCE
ACTIVITIES;

E. IF THE PALESTINIANS, THROUGH THEIR LEGITIMATE AGENCIES, AGREE TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE, THEY WILL DO SO ON THE BASIS OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S RESOLUTION NO. 3236 AND NOT ONE THE BASIS OF RESOLUTION NOS. 242 AND 338.

2. QADDUMI DOWNPLAYED PRESIDENT CARTER'S CALL FOR A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND SAYING "THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT TALKED ABOUT A HOMELAND FOR PALESTINIAN REFUGEES, AND AS LONG AS HE THINKS OF THE PLAESTINIANS AS REFUGEES, HE IS TALKING ABOUT A PALESTINIAN REFUGEE, NOT A PALESTINIAN STATE."

3. QADDUMI SAID THERE WAS NO COMPARISON BETWEEN THE US AND SOVIET ATTITUDES TOWARD THE ARAB CAUSE, "FOR THE AMERICAN POSITION IS STILL ONE OF HOSTILITY AND THE SOVIET POSITION HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY ONE OF FIRM SUPPORT." QADDUMI CONTINUED: "IT IS THE PALESTINIAN VIEW THAT AN ACCEPTABLE CHANGE IN THE US POSITION ON THE MIDDLE EAST SHOULD INVOLVE EITHER US RECOGNITION OF THE PALESTININE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION AS THE SOLE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, OR US RECOGNITION OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S NATIONAL RIGHTS, OR US RECOGNITION OF THE PALESTINIANS' RIGHT TO ESTABLISH A SOVEREIGN PALESTINIAN STATE ON PART OF OUR PALESTINIAN LAND. ANY OTHER CHANGE IN THE AMERICAN POSITION IN THE MIDDLE EAST CANNOT BE CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANT."

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4. QADDUMI PREDICTED A FIFTH ARAB-ISRAELI WAR WHICH "WILL NOT BE THE ULTIMATE MIDDLE EASTERN WAR, NOR, FOR THAT MATTER, THE PENULTIMATE MIDDLE EASTERN WAR."

5. COMMENT: QADDUMI'S REMARKS ARE NOTEWORTHY IN THAT THEY PROVIDE A REITERATION OF THE PLO'S PUBLIC POSITION ON GENERAL.THEY ALSO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC REPLY TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S REMARKS ON A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND. END COMMENT.

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